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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT TO INDONESIA OF MAC AIRFIELD SURVEY TEAM

REF: STATE 089480

1. WE HAVE NO RPT NO OBJECTION TO VISIT BY MAC AIRFIELD SURVEY TEAM ALTHOUGH THIS WOULD, OF COURSE, BE SUBJECT TO GOI APPROVAL.

2. REGULAR MAC FLIGHTS OPERATE ONLY TO HALIM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, JAKARTA, AND ARE SOLELY FOR SUPPORT OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND NAVY MEDICAL RESEARCH UNIT. IN ADDITION, VIP FLIGHTS (PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SEC. AGRICULTURE) HAVE RECENTLY USED HALIM AND DENPASAR, BALI. THERE ARE FOUR OTHER AIRFIELDS THAT MIGHT BE USABLE BY MAC AIRCRAFT, THOUGH WE BELIEVE IT EXTREMELY UNLIKELY GOI WOULD CONSIDER PERMITTING THEIR USE FOR MAC FLIGHTS EXCEPT IN EXCEPTIONAL CASES.

GOI HAS GENERALLY BEEN COOPERATIVE WITH EXISTING REGULAR MAC FLIGHTS, IN LARGE MEASURE BECAUSE OF DIRECT CONNECTION WITH SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, IN INTERESTS OF PRESERVING THIS COOPERATION, WE WOULD HOPE TEAM VISIT COULD BE CONDUCTED WITH DUE REGARD TO GOI SENSITIVITY ABOUT
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FOREIGN CRITICISM OF THEIR AIR FACILITIES AND IN SUCH A WAY

AS TO AVOID GIVING IMPRESSION THAT WE MIGHT BE CONTEMPLATING
EXPANSION OF MAC ACTIVITIES HERE.

4. IF TEAM VISIT PROVES UNFEASIBLE--OR IN EVENT GOI DIS-
APPROVES--WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE OBTAIN DATA
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